

California Class II UIC Program Compliance Plan – Tentative Schedule

Dates in Black – Proposed by DOGGR/SWRCB

Dates in Blue – [Draft] Proposed by US EPA

A. Existing Injection Well Evaluations

- Complete evaluations for "Category 1" injection wells. (May 15, 2015)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 2" injection wells. (July 31, 2015)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 3" injection wells. (May 15, 2016)

B. Aquifer Exemption Process

- Aquifer Exemption Workshops (Feb. 24 and March 23-27, 2015; additional dates)
- Submit draft Aquifer Exemption Guidance to EPA for review (April 1, 2015)
- Submit first phase of proposed aquifer exemptions to EPA (including all AEs sought for existing injection to <3,000 TDS aquifers). (May 15, 2015)
- Submit second phase to EPA (30% of total) (Sept 30, 2015)
- Submit third phase to EPA (60% of total) (Jan. 31, 2015)
- Submit final phase to EPA (100% of total) (Oct. 31, 2016)
- Aquifer Exemption submissions after Oct. 31, 2016 may not be fully processed by EPA by Feb. 15 2017

C. Interim Injection Rulemaking

- Initiate Emergency Rulemaking - File with OAL? (April 1, 2015)
- Public Comment deadline (April 6, 2015 ?)
- Final Emergency Rule – target date (April 30, 2015 ?)
- Initiate Regular Rulemaking (May 15, 2015 ?)
- Emergency Rule Readoption(s) (Nov 2015 & Feb 2016)
- Final Regular Rulemaking – target date (May 1, 2016 ?)

D. Operator Compliance Deadlines

- Wells injecting into non-exempt aquifers with TDS levels below 3,000 mg/l (except for the 11 historically-treated-as-exempt aquifers) must be shut in. (October 15, 2015)
- Program Compliance Deadline: Any existing wells injecting into Non-Exempt USDWs (including the 11 historically-treated-as-exempt aquifers) must be shut in. (February 15, 2017)

D. Class II Program Improvements

Regulatory Revisions

- Submit detailed plan for program improvements rulemaking process to EPA (April 15, 2015)
- Submit proposed regulatory revisions to OAL (rolling promulgation, starting 2017 ?)
- Final Regulatory Revisions (2018 ?)

Searchable Well Database

- Complete FSR (Dec. 31, 2015 – possibly push forward to Oct. 2015)
- Database Contract bid award (2016 ?)
- Implement database (Feb 2017 ?)

E. Communications Plan

EPA/State communications plan for 2015 (April 1, 2015)

F. Monthly Meetings

DOGGR, SWRCB and EPA meet monthly to review progress. Two business days prior to each meeting
DOGGR/SWRCB provide an update to EPA on the Compliance Plan components. (Feb. 2015 - Feb. 2017)